AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An electromagnetic wave vibrometer apparatus comprising:

a signal generator for generating an electromagnetic signal;

~~a~~ an amplitude modulator for amplitude modulating the electromagnetic signal to produce an amplitude modulated signal;

a transmitter for transmitting the amplitude modulated signal at a vibrating object;

a receiver for receiving a reflected amplitude modulated signal from the vibrating object;

a demodulator for demodulating the reflected amplitude modulated ~~signal;~~ signal to produce a demodulated signal; and

a signal processor for extracting and analyzing a vibration waveform ~~of~~ from the demodulated signal.

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the signal is an optical signal.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the optical signal is amplitude modulated with a microwave frequency signal.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the signal is a microwave signal.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the signal is a combination of optical and microwave signals.

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the optical and microwave signals are ~~signal is~~ modulated at ~~by~~ the same frequency ~~as the transmitted microwave signal~~.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a laser signal source.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising an LED signal source.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a second vibration receiver mounted with the first receiver for compensation of unwanted background or coupled vibration.

10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 9 further comprising a second vibration transmitter mounted with the first receiver for calibration of the apparatus and to determine an angle of reflection.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for remotely measuring properties of an object comprising:

a signal generator for generating an electromagnetic signal;

~~a~~ an amplitude modulator for amplitude modulating the electromagnetic signal to produce an amplitude modulated signal;

a transmitter for transmitting the amplitude modulated signal at an object;

means for vibrating the object to modulate the amplitude modulated signal transmitted at the object;

a receiver for receiving a reflected amplitude modulated signal from the object;

a demodulator for demodulating the reflected amplitude modulated ~~signal;~~ signal to produce a demodulated signal; and

a signal processor for extracting and analyzing ~~the~~ a vibration waveform ~~of~~ from the demodulated signal.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the signal is an optical signal.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the optical signal is amplitude modulated with a microwave frequency signal.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the signal is a microwave signal.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the signal is a combination of optical and microwave signals.

16. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the optical and microwave signals are ~~signal is~~ modulated ~~by~~ at the same frequency ~~as the transmitted microwave signal~~.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 further comprising a laser signal source.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 further comprising an LED signal source.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 further comprising a second vibration receiver mounted with the first receiver for compensation for unwanted background or coupled vibration.

20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 19 further comprising a second vibration transmitter mounted with the first receiver for calibration of the apparatus and to determine an angle of reflection.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of remotely measuring vibration comprising:

generating an electromagnetic signal;

amplitude modulating the electromagnetic signal with an amplitude modulating signal to produce an amplitude modulated signal;

transmitting the amplitude modulated signal at a vibrating object;

receiving a reflected amplitude modulated signal from the vibrating object;

demodulating the reflected amplitude modulated ~~signal;~~ signal to produce a demodulated signal; and

analyzing the demodulated signal.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21 wherein the signal is an optical signal.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the signal comprises a microwave signal.

25. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the signal comprises a combination of microwave and optical signals.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25 wherein the optical and microwave signals are ~~signal is~~ modulated ~~by~~ at the same frequency ~~as the transmitted microwave signal~~.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21 wherein the signal is generated by a laser or a ~~low-coherent~~ laser diode.

28. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the signal is generated by an LED.

29. (Original) The method of claim 21 further comprising compensating for vibration errors by determining displacements of the transmitter and receiver.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29 further comprising providing a second vibration receiver mounted with the first receiver for compensating for unwanted background or coupled vibration.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 30 further comprising providing a second vibration transmitter mounted with the first receiver for calibrating ~~of~~ the vibrometer and to determine an angle of reflection.

32. (Currently Amended) A method for remotely determining properties of an object comprising:

amplitude modulating an electromagnetic signal with an amplitude modulating signal to produce an amplitude modulated signal;

transmitting the amplitude modulated signal at an object;

vibrating the object;

receiving reflected amplitude modulated signals from the vibrating object; and

processing the reflected amplitude modulated signals to extract information about the properties of the object.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32 wherein the signal is an optical signal.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Original) The method of claim 32 wherein the signal comprises a microwave signal.

36. (Original) The method of claim 32 wherein the signal comprises a combination of microwave and optical signals.

37. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 32 wherein the optical and microwave signals are ~~signal is~~ modulated at ~~by~~ the same frequency ~~as the transmitted microwave signal~~.

38. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 32 wherein the signal is generated by a laser or a ~~low-coherent~~ laser diode.

39. (Original) The method of claim 32 wherein the signal is generated by an LED.

40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 32 wherein the generated signal is split into first and second signals and the second signal is transmitted to a demodulator for comparing the second signal with the ~~received~~ reflected ~~signal.~~ amplitude modulated signals.

41. (Original) The method of claim 32 further comprising compensating for vibration errors by determining vibration displacements of the transmitter and receiver.

42. (Original) The method of claim 41 further comprising providing a second vibration receiver mounted with the first receiver for compensating for unwanted background or coupled vibration.

43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42 further comprising providing a second vibration transmitter mounted with the first receiver for calibrating ~~of~~ the vibrometer and to determine an angle of reflection.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the amplitude modulated signal is modulated in the GHz range.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the amplitude modulated signal is modulated in the GHz range.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the amplitude modulated signal is modulated in the GHz range.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the amplitude modulated signal is modulated in the GHz range.